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> Re: MUR 5026

> > Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is to advise you that on October 6, 2005, the Federal Election Commission found probable cause to believe that your clients, Zimmer 2000, Inc. and Maria Chappa, in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441b, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by receiving in-kind corporate contributions and failing to report those contributions. The Commission also determined to take no further action with respect to your clients and closed the file.

A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information, and Statements of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow. Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Abely, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Solvera H. Murky Lawrence H. Norton

General Counsel

Enclosure General Counsel's Report